

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

Present:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Fran Gillett
Anthony J. Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin Sauger
Betty Slinde

Absent:

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Peter J. Lund

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, and David Humbyrd of Macomb County Parks & Recreation; George Brumbaugh and Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Kevin Cassidy, Hillside Productions; Patrick Daniels, President of Chapter 154 Vietnam Veterans

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE APPROVING THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS UNDER OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS: ITEM 7D. UPDATE OF ASSIGNMENT TO SUBLEASE FREEDOM HILL AMPHITHEATER AND ITEM 8C. WOLVERINE CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP REQUEST. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI WAS MADE APPROVING THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2005. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported expenditures on replacement of picnic tables for approximately \$5,000, and lawn mower and generator purchases. Also, reported that Hillside Productions submitted a check for \$17,091 - 1% of ticket sales, not yet reflected in the budget. The final audit collection of parking and ticket sales will be completed through the Finance Office.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casasanta stated an adjustment is necessary to reflect more for this year's security services.

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORTS. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced Zambelli's letter regarding discounts on early order discounts and reported we receive a discount irrespective of the order date. Mr. Casasanta referenced a newspaper article regarding the Ross Memorial Park dedication event and reported it was well attended.

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE SAID CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph A. Liberato Building Plaque Update

Mr. Casasanta reported he received correspondence from Cynthia Donahue verifying Commissioner Liberato was Macomb County Democratic Chairman from 1973-1990.

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE SAID CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED

Senior Swing Dances

President Perna described the history of the Senior Swing Dances held at the County Park and at Metro Beach and attendance continues to increase. He asked for a resolution by the Parks Commission requesting from the Full Board a grant to continue these Senior Swing Dances.

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER WAS MADE APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO THE FULL BOARD REQUESTING FUNDS OF \$12,000 FOR SENIOR SWING DANCES AT THE PARK AND \$5,000 FOR SENIOR SWING DANCES AT METRO BEACH FOR 2006. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Forestry Grant

Mr. Casasanta reported that the Park has received approval for the DNR tree replacement grant of \$2,500 to plant approximately 18 trees on the park grounds. These trees will be planted in the spring with cooperation from the Michigan Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners.

A MOTION BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE SAID CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

Sublease Agreement

Mr. Brumbaugh recommended approving the executed document by the Parks Commission on Assignment of Sublease Agreement from Hillside Productions, Inc to PSE Hillside, LLC.

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER WAS MADE TO “HEREBY MOVE THAT THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT DATED MAY 19, 1999, AS AMENDED, BETWEEN HILLSIDE PRODUCTIONS AND THE COUNTY OF MACOMB, BY AND THROUGH THE MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, BE ASSIGNED AS REQUESTED BY HILLSIDE PRODUCTIONS TO PSE HILLSIDE, LLC, AND THAT SAID ASSIGNMENT BE EXECUTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, JAMES PERNA. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Macomb County Veterans’ Family Picnic 4th of July, 2006

Mr. Casasanta recommended working with the Veterans group, as he has done in the past for the 4th of July event in 2006,

MOTION BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE APPROVING THE VETERANS’ FAMILY PICNIC JULY 4TH, 2006 EVENT AS RECOMMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Patrick Daniels of Chapter 154 Vietnam Veterans thanked the Commission and stated he will commemorate with honor Macomb County Veterans of all wars.

American Veterans Traveling Tribute “The Wall” - May 23-29,2007

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI WAS MADE APPROVING “THE WALL” EVENT FOR MAY 23-29, 2007. MOTION CARRIED.

Wolverine Chapter Harley Owners Group Fundraiser Event

Mr. Casasanta stated he spoke with Mr. Blowers, Event Chairman, who has requested the park grounds for a benefit to generate monies for the Red Cross in September of 2006. Mr. Casasanta reported that any advertising of “no colors” distinguishing associations will be done and there will be no beer sales and no parking fees.

MOTION BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO APPROVING THE WOLVERINE CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP FUNDRAISER EVENT, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006, BENEFITTING THE RED CROSS, WITH STIPULATION THAT THE ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP PAY FOR SECURITY COSTS. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER

Commissioner Salerno asked for further follow-up as to the contact person for the Palace Sports Entertainment. Mr. Brumbaugh responded the details are still being worked out with PSE Hillside, LLC.

Commissioner Sauger commented he would like to work with Mr. Daniels on improving the park grounds with memorial displays.

Commissioner Lipinski asked for a breakdown on collection of parking fees so that an informed final decision can be made on who should collect these fees next year.

Mr. Casasanta reported that Commissioners Sauger, Malone and Lund are up for reappointment on the Parks & Recreation Commission and will need to reapply for appointment before December 17, 2005.

Commissioner Malone asked if there is any update to the Liberato Hall agreement. Mr. Perna replied there is ongoing communication between counsels concerning this contract.

Mr. Brumbaugh informed the Commission about a Freedom Of Information Request from Victors Law Firm representing Hillside Productions requesting revenue and expense documents and budget information. The County is complying with this FOIA request.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY BUCCI SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:10 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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